

LOWELLVILLE SCHOOL FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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Foundation Scholarships Top \$90,000

The Lowellville School Foundation has awarded a total of \$91,500 to 54 graduating seniors since 2006. The Board of Education created the Foundation to enhance the educational opportunities available to Lowellville students by providing scholarships and educational resources for curriculum enrichment.

Each year, all Lowellville High School seniors are invited to apply for a scholarship. Recipients are chosen on a point system based on GPA, ACT score, extra-curricular activities, written essay and interview. Applicants with the highest point totals are chosen to receive a scholarship.



L to R: Erica Ciccone (\$1,750), Abbey Partika (\$2,500), Kaye Solak (\$2,000), J.T. Hvidsak (\$1,500), Marcus Rivera (\$1,500), Martha Zimmerman (\$2,500), Rachel Durbin (\$1,750) and Nicole Hetmanski (\$1,500)

Foundation Awards Teacher Grants

In 2011, the Foundation initiated a Teacher Grant Program and annually invites teachers to apply for grants for classroom educational materials. The Foundation awards up to \$1,000 per individual and \$2,500 per group.

Recipients of the grant include Ms. Jarvis, Mr. Antonucci, Ms. Ritter, Ms. Smith, Ms. Choma and most recently Mr. Matt Olson. The Teacher Grant Program supports the Foundation's mission and ensures our students have the resources they need to succeed.



Mr. Matt Olson was awarded a Foundation Teacher Grant to purchase an illuminated orbiter shown here with students from his 8th grade Science class. The orbiter helps students understand astronomy concepts.

Tickets Available for the April 27th Reverse Raffle

The Fourth Annual Lowellville School Foundation Reverse Raffle is scheduled for **Sunday, April 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Lowellville School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$35.00 and include dinner and a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$2,000 (or \$10 for a dinner ticket only). For additional chances to win, sideboard tickets are available at the dinner for \$3.00 and \$5.00 each.

This is the Foundation's signature fundraiser.

"It's a casual, fun evening and all the money raised helps fund the scholarships awarded each year to Lowellville High School seniors and teacher grants for educational materials," said Lori Carlson, Foundation Board President.

See any Foundation Board member for tickets or call 330.536.6318 ext.144.

News

- The Foundation Board expresses appreciation to outgoing member Jeanie Dovich for her service.
- The Foundation Board welcomes new member Carmelann Maszczak.



2012/2013 Contributions

Anonymous Donors

Cunningham – Becker Funeral Home

Esther Harris in honor of the Pasquale Augustine Family

LHS Class of 1997

Lowellville Athletic Fund (OHSAA Game)

Pepsi-Cola

Anthony and Cathy Russo and Sons

Reverse Raffle Profit

LHS Graduates:

Looking for a way for your class to “give back”? Consider pulling your classmates together to make a donation to the Foundation. Donations over \$500 will be recognized on a plaque on the Donor Board located in the school cafeteria.

Thank you for your support!

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LHS STUDENTS NEED YOUR HELP!

The Lowellville School Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping make Lowellville's school a world-class educational facility. A donation to the Lowellville School Foundation allows you to leave a legacy for generations to come. We sincerely appreciate your generosity and concern for the young people of our community, and welcome your contributions and involvement.

TO CONTRIBUTE, SEND THIS FORM WITH A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: LOWELLVILLE SCHOOL FOUNDATION

C/O GREG SLEMONS

52 ROCKET PLACE

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Name _____ LHS Class _____ Maiden _____

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Phone _____ E-mail _____

Donation enclosed \$ _____ Donor Board wording (\$500 or more) _____

____ I have included Lowellville School Foundation in my estate plans.

____ Please send me information on making provisions in my estate plans.

Foundation Scholarship Recipients – *Where are They Now?*

Class of 2006

Carmen Jamis is currently pursuing her clinical doctorate in audiology. Her undergraduate major was speech and hearing at Cleveland State University. After graduating from CSU, she moved to Washington, D.C. to pursue her graduate degree in audiology in the college of Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences at Gallaudet University. Gallaudet is a liberal arts college for the deaf, so as part of her education she was immersed in deaf culture and became fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). At Gallaudet, she was offered the Pediatric Audiology Education and Dissemination (PAEDS) grant that has helped to form her concentration in pediatrics. She is set to receive her doctoral degree this May 2014. Currently, Carmen is completing her fourth year externship (residency) at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. As part of her externship, she is also involved as a fellow in the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disorders (LEND) program at the University of Pittsburgh. She currently is searching for a permanent job that concentrates on pediatric audiology.



Carmen Jamis (top), Class of 2006, performs an EEG in her research lab as part of her thesis.

Class of 2007

Amy Novak graduated in May 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Youngstown State University. She is employed in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Akron Children's Hospital. Amy works the night shift and loves it! She is working on getting some experience in the field before she goes back to graduate school.

Carmela Ballone graduated from Youngstown State University in 2011 with an Accounting major. She continued her education at The University of Akron where she earned a Masters of Taxation in 2012. Carmela passed all four sections of the certified public accountant exam (on the first try!) and became a licensed CPA in the State of Ohio in 2012. Carmela was awarded "Outstanding Alumni of the Year" in 2013 by the YSU Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Society for being a role model for other Accounting students at YSU. Carmela works at Cohen & Company, a regional public accounting, and was promoted in 2013 to the level of Senior Accountant in the Tax Department. Carmela prepares advanced tax returns, supervises and reviews the work of staff and researches tax planning strategies in order to assist her clients. Carmela is Treasurer of the Board of OH WOW! The Roger & Gloria Jones Children's Center for Science & Technology and is involved in Youngstown Streetscape, Holy Rosary Church and volunteers as a Campaign Manager for United Way. Carmela was honored as one of the Mahoning Valley Young Professionals "25 under 35" awards in 2014.

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Class of 2008

Jessica Bestic will be graduating this May from the Penn State– University Park campus. Jessica's in the Counselor Education Master's program, with emphasis in school counseling. She will be certified to work as a school counselor with students from K–12. She is currently interning in the Bellefonte Area School District. She graduated from Youngstown State University in May of 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a minor in Biology.

Jake Rafidi was accepted into the Honors Program at Youngstown State University where he majored in Finance and minored in Theater, Entrepreneurship and Military Science. He also obtained a certification in Enterprises Resources Planning. Jake was an Army ROTC and eventually became the Cadet Commander of the YSU ROTC Program. He was President of the Student Investment Fund that managed 750K of real money within the stock market. Jake graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.6 GPA and was commissioned as a 2LT on May 18, 2013. Jake went on to Ordnance Basic Officer Leaders Course and received his first choice of duty station, Germany. He runs all logistics for the entire Battalion, which includes six batteries, totaling 700 soldiers. Jake's life has taken him all over the United States, Mexico, Canada, Ireland, Korea, France, Switzerland and Germany.

Samantha Russo graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Youngstown State University in May 2013. In October, she moved to Columbus and works as a registered nurse at Mt. Carmel St Ann's.

Class of 2009

Joe Alfano will be graduating this spring from Youngstown State University, where he is majoring in Exercise Science. He has been accepted into and will begin the Physical Therapy program this summer. Joe is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and is completing his internship with the Youngstown State University Recreation Center.

Scott Partika graduated from Capital University in May 2013, with a double-major in public administration and public relations. He was a member of the Capital men's golf team, as well as the indoor track & field team. Scott also served as President of the Catholic Student Organization and Speaker of the Student Senate. Attending school in Columbus allowed him to gain experience in his field by interning with the Columbus Chamber, Ohio Senate, Capital Sports Information Department, and the Ohio Department of Transportation. Scott currently works for the Ohio Senate in the office of State Senator Randy Gardner.

Class of 2010

Mauro Amendola received a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Sciences with a minor in Chemistry from the University of Akron in the summer of 2012. He is now in his second year at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) pursuing his medical degree and will be taking an important board exam this June called "USMLE step 1". This will have a significant impact on his future after receiving his M.D., which he is slated to achieve in May 2016. He will spend next year completing "clerkships" throughout the main specialties.

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Class of 2010 (cont.)

Michael Basista is a 4th year pharmacy student at Duquesne University. He participates in several pharmacy organizations has two more years in the program.

Cori Pavlicko is a senior at Youngstown State University majoring in Advertising and Public Relations. After graduating this May, she plans to attend graduate school at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications. Cori is currently a marketing/events intern with the YSU Office of Student Activities and has previously interned with the Learning Egg, LLC and the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber. She has also worked at YSU as a Graphic and Web designer. Cori was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma Honor society for being in the top 10% of her class. She holds various leadership positions in student organizations such as: President of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority and Vice President of Programming for the Panhellenic Council. Cori is a member of the Emerging Leaders Program and was the 2013 Homecoming Chair. She has represented her sorority at Alpha Omicron Pi's Leadership Academy in Nashville, TN twice and is traveling to Louisville, KY with a team of YSU students this April to compete in a National Student Advertising Competition.

Michelle Sergi graduated a semester earlier than planned, and with honors, from the University of Akron in December 2013. She majored in Pre-Medicine and Biology and minored in Chemistry and Dance and was awarded the University Scholar Medal. Michelle was president and vice president of

Phi Delta Epsilon, a professional medical fraternity. She was instrumental in planning the Akron Children's Hospital 2013 Teddy Bear Ball, which raised a record \$8,700. Michelle volunteered for three years at Akron Children's Hospital in the palliative care unit and in the robotic simulation center. She has been conducting research for the past three years through St. Elizabeth Hospital, where she received the Thirlby Award in 2012 for outstanding clinical research. Michelle is currently planning for Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley Meritage of Miracles set for July 27, 2014 at L'uva Bella Winery. All proceeds will go to forming the Palliative Care Center in the Mahoning Valley for terminally ill and disabled children. This fall, Michelle will be attending medical school and is eagerly waiting on her acceptance letters!



Michelle Sergi, Class of 2010, is expected to publish several papers this summer on topics such as prostate cancer and contrast enhanced renal ultrasound techniques.

Ryan Whinery will be graduating this May from Youngstown State University with a major in Chemistry and a minor in economics. Ryan will be attending The University of Houston College of Optometry this fall. He is involved with the Youngstown Steel Valley Rugby Men's Club and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

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Class of 2011

Michael Mangine is currently in his third year at Akron University double-majoring in Accounting and Finance. He will be inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma this month, an honor reserved for the top 10% of the Accounting/Business school. Michael is also a member of the National Society for Leadership and Success

Kayla Maszczak is currently attending Youngstown State University, majoring in History and minoring in Political Science. Kayla is slated to graduate in spring 2015. Following her graduation, she plans on attending law school and entering civil law. She is currently the Lowellville Junior High Volleyball coach.

Annie Partika is currently in her third year at the College of Wooster, majoring in Psychology. Annie is the Vice President of the Campus Programming Board, works as a Peer Mentor, and has worked for two summers as an Academic Adviser to first-year students in the summer orientation program. Annie is also a research assistant in the Center for Diversity and Global Engagement, and previously in the Education Department. Last summer, Annie was awarded a fellowship to complete an internship with the Literary Lots program, a new project that brings storybooks to life using underutilized lots in Cleveland as sites for educational programming and community events. This summer she will be doing a research internship at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism.



Annie Partika, Class of 2010, spent this past fall living and studying in Copenhagen, Denmark, one of the biggest biking cities in the world. She biked everywhere which she said was her favorite thing about the city.

Matt Russo is currently majoring in Biology at Loyola University Chicago, and is expecting to graduate May 2015. His plan after graduation is to go to graduate school and obtain a Ph.D. in biology. At Loyola, he works as a peer-tutor mentor for Achieving College Excellence (ACE), a program that provides support for special student populations such as first-generation students, low-income students, and students with disabilities. He also works in a biology lab doing research on the development of the peripheral nervous system.

Class of 2012

Travis Beatty is a student at Youngstown State University and is majoring in Applied Music with a focus on Tuba, and minoring in Entrepreneurship. He is expected to graduate in December 2016. Travis maintains a 3.6 GPA and is active in: the campus principal tuba, YSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble Tuba section leader, YSU Marching Pride Rehearsal assistant/member, YSU Basketball Pep Band original member, Industrial Five Brass Quintet member, YSU Tuba-Euphonium ensemble member, Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association member, and the Lowellville Mt. Carmel Band.

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Class of 2012 (cont.)

Emily Carlson is a pharmacy student at Ohio Northern University. She is expecting to graduate with her doctorate in pharmacy in 2018. She is involved in the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), and Circle K International. She has been inducted into three honor societies Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Phi Eta Sigma. She is currently training for the Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon.

Carmen Donofrio is a sophomore at the University of Akron where he is majoring in Business Administration. Carmen is working toward a minor in Pre-Law and a certificate in Construction Management. His plans are to attend law school. He is a brother in Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and has held the positions of pledge educator, librarian/historian, and is the current Director of Programming.

Taylor Hvidsak is currently a sophomore at Youngstown State University attending on both an academic and athletic scholarship. She is majoring in Nursing and minoring in Social Health. She has been on the Dean's List all semesters and holds a 4.0 GPA. Taylor is also a member of the YSU Lady Penguin basketball team.

Kelly Hynes is attending the University of Findlay, where she is majoring in Pharmacy. She is in her second year of a six year program. Kelly is active in SNPhA and ASP, which are student pharmacist clubs and is a sister of Sigma Kappa sorority. In SK, she holds the position of Ritual Chair. She also volunteers both on and off campus.

Randy Pavlicko is finishing his second year at Youngstown State University majoring in Accounting. He maintains a 4.0 GPA and works for the YSU Athletic Department. Randy also participates in intramural sports.

Abby Vitus is attending Youngstown State University where she is a sophomore in the Nursing program. She plans to graduate in spring 2016. She is active in the Student Nurses Association and is a sister of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. In ZTA, she holds the position of Vice President 2.

Maria Wilaj is double majoring in Early Childhood & Special Education at Youngstown State University. She holds a 3.8 GPA and plans to graduate in 2017. Maria is an intern in the campus ticket office, helping out at the YSU football and basketball games and also in the office during the week.

Class of 2013

Erica Ciccone is a freshman attending Clarion University of Pennsylvania majoring in Personal and Corporate Finance. She is involved with the University Activities Board and Circle K. Erica is also employed on campus with the student phone-a-thon where she reaches out to alumni to update contact information, arrange campus visits and seek donor support.

Rachel Durbin is currently a freshman at Westminster College in Pennsylvania. She is majoring in biology, and plans to continue her studies to become a physical therapist after she completes her Bachelor's degree. Rachel is on the Westminster Women's Basketball where she earned a starting position as a shooting guard. She is also a member of the Westminster National Honor Society.

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Class of 2013 (cont.)

JT (John) Hvisdak is in his first year at Kent State University and is majoring in Construction Management. He made Dean's List his first semester and is involved in Habitat for Humanity.

Abbey Partika is a first-year student at the College of Wooster on a pre-architecture path, and she is considering mathematics as her major. She is involved in the Wooster Activities Crew where she is the Travel and Recreation Director. Abbey is also a member of the Blackbirds Irish Step Dancing, Newman Catholic Student Organization and a senator for her class on the Student Government Association.

Marcus Rivera is currently in his second semester at Youngstown State University, majoring in accounting and minoring in economics. He works on campus for Parking Services and he is also the General Manager for the YSU Golf Club. He participates in intramural basketball and flag football.

Kaye Solak is a freshman at Youngstown State University, majoring in Respiratory Therapy.

Molly Zimmerman is attending Ohio Northern University and majoring in Pharmacy. She is involved with Habitat for Humanity, APhA-ASP, Circle K, the Honors Program and she currently serves as the class of 2019 Representative for Pharmacy Council.



Rachel Durbin, Class of 2013, earned a starting position as a shooting guard on the Westminster Women's Basketball Team.

Are you a past Lowellville Foundation scholarship recipient?

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Email your academic, volunteer and/or
career achievements to:
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MISSION

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